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DIPECHO NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING

Vientiane, LAO PDR

12th November 2007

Co-chaired by: EC/ DIPECHO SEA and NDMO



Time	Contents	In-Charge
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	DIPECHO SEA
Opening Remarks		
09:00 – 09:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Remarks by Mr. Khamphao Hompangna, Director of the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) Welcome Remarks by Mr. Henry Prankerdt, Chargé d'Affaires, European Commission Delegation to Lao PDR 	NDMO EC Delegation
09:15 – 09:20	Meeting's orientations	DIPECHO SEA
Session 1: Perspectives on Sustainable Development and Disaster Reduction / Risk Management (including ref. to the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015)		
9:30 -12:00 (incl. coffee break)	<p>A: Overview of Lao PDR Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the policy of the Government of Lao PDR with regard to the implementation of the <i>Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015</i> (integration of disaster risk reduction in national poverty alleviation / sustainable development strategies) Overview of current and planned natural disaster risk reduction programming in Lao PDR 2008 -2011 <p>B: Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies and Perspective (government, donor community, implementing agencies)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up of UNDAC report recommendations Follow-up of main recommendations from 2005 DIPECHO Consultative Meeting and 2006-2008 Action Plan / Evaluation + EC experience (DRR mainstreaming) Case study (lessons learned on DRR integration): the LANGOCA Programme (donor perspective, community-based perspective) Good Practice Flood Risk Reduction Other case studies: Education sector <p>Q & A, Discussion</p>	<p>National Disaster Management Office & Relevant Government Department(s)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> OCHA DIPECHO SEA / EC Delegation AusAid/ LANGOCA partners MRC/ADPC/NDMO & National Mekong River Committee MoE/ADPC
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch	
Session 2: Strategic Discussions for the 6th DIPECHO Action Plan for South East Asia and potentials for mainstreaming		
13:45 – 16:30 (incl. tea break)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIPECHO proposed orientations 2008-2009 Break into working groups (WG 1: sector/activities, WG 2: mainstreaming options (food security, rural development, environment protection, education etc.), WG 3: Flood Management & EWS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority Needs / Strategic Gaps identified Operational modalities Compilation of main issues addressed (each working group) and recommendations for improved natural disaster risk reduction in Lao PDR, including mainstreaming <p>Discussion, wrap up</p>	<p>DIPECHO SEA</p> <p>Facilitation: WG1: DIPECHO WG2: EC WG3: MRC/ADPC</p>
16:30 -17:00	Conclusions and follow-up measures on DIPECHO programming and call for proposals	



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**ກອງປະຊຸມຂໍຄໍາປຶກສາໃນລະດັບຊາດກ່ຽວກັບ
ວຽກງານຫຼຸດຜ່ອນຄວາມສ່ຽງຈາກໄພພິບັດຢູ່
ສປປ ລາວ, ສະໜັບສະໜູນໂດຍ DIPECHO**



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ພາຍໃຕ້ການເປັນປະທານຮ່ວມ ໂດຍ: EC/ DIPECHO SEA ແລະ NDMO

ວາລະກອງປະຊຸມ

ເວລາ	ເນື້ອໃນ	ຜູ້ຮັບຜິດຊອບ
08:30 – 09:00	ລົງທະບຽນ	DIPECHO SEA
ກ່າວເປີດ		
09:00 – 09:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ກ່າວຕ້ອນຮັບໂດຍທ່ານ ຄຳເພົ້າ ໂຮມປັນຍາ, ຫົວໜ້າຫ້ອງການຄຸ້ມຄອງໄພພິບັດແຫ່ງຊາດ (NDMO) ຄຳເຫັນແລະກ່າວເປີດໂດຍທ່ານ ເຮັນຣີ ແພຣັງເກີດ, ອຸປະທູດຄະນະກຳມາທິການເອີຣົບ (EC) ປະຈຳ ສປປ ລາວ 	<p>NDMO</p> <p>ຄະນະ EC</p>
09:15 – 09:20	ສະເໜີລວມກ່ຽວກັບກອງປະຊຸມ	DIPECHO SEA
ວາລະທີ 1: ຫັດສະນະກ່ຽວກັບການພັດທະນາແບບຍືນຍົງແລະການຫຼຸດຜ່ອນໄພພິບັດ / ການຄຸ້ມຄອງຄວາມສ່ຽງຈາກໄພພິບັດ (ໃນນັ້ນລວມທັງເລື່ອງຂອບປະຕິບັດງານ Hyogo ຫຼື Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015)		
9:30 -12:00 (ລວມທັງເວລາ ພັກດື່ມຊາ/ກາເຟ)	<p>A: ພາບລວມກ່ຽວກັບຍຸດທະສາດຫຼຸດຜ່ອນຄວາມສ່ຽງຈາກໄພພິບັດຂອງ ສປປ ລາວ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ລາຍງານກ່ຽວກັບນະໂຍບາຍຂອງລັດຖະບານລາວໃນດ້ານທີ່ພົວພັນກັບການຈັດຕັ້ງປະຕິບັດຂອບປະຕິບັດງານ Hyogo 2005 – 2015 (ການລວມວຽກງານຫຼຸດຜ່ອນຄວາມສ່ຽງຈາກໄພພິບັດເຂົ້າໃນຍຸດທະສາດຫຼຸດຜ່ອນຄວາມທຸກຍາກແຫ່ງຊາດ / ຍຸດທະສາດການພັດທະນາແບບຍືນຍົງ) ພາບລວມກ່ຽວກັບແຜນງານຫຼຸດຜ່ອນຄວາມສ່ຽງຈາກໄພພິບັດທຳມະຊາດທີ່ມີໃນປະຈຸບັນແລະທີ່ຂຶ້ນແຜນໄວ້ຢູ່ ສປປ ລາວ ສຳລັບໄລຍະ 2008 -2011 <p>B: ຍຸດທະສາດຫຼຸດຜ່ອນຄວາມສ່ຽງຈາກໄພພິບັດ ແລະ ຫັດສະນະຂອງພາກລ່ວນກ່ຽວຂ້ອງ (ລັດຖະບານ, ຜູ້ໃຫ້ທຶນຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອ, ອົງການຈັດຕັ້ງປະຕິບັດຕົວຈິງ)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ການດຳເນີນງານຕາມບົດລາຍງານຂໍ້ສະເໜີແນະຂອງອົງການ UNDAC ການດຳເນີນງານຕາມຂໍ້ສະເໜີແນະຕົ້ນຕໍຈາກກອງປະຊຸມຂໍຄໍາປຶກສາ DIPECHO 2005 ແລະ ແຜນປະຕິບັດງານ 2006-2008 / ການປະເມີນຜົນ + ປະສິບການຈາກ EC (ການຫັນວຽກງານຫຼຸດຜ່ອນຄວາມສ່ຽງຈາກໄພພິບັດເຂົ້າເປັນວຽກງານຫຼັກໃນຂະແໜງການກ່ຽວຂ້ອງ) ກໍລະນີສຶກສາ (ບົດຮຽນທີ່ຖອດຖອນໄດ້ກ່ຽວກັບການລວມເອົາວຽກງານຫຼຸດຜ່ອນຄວາມສ່ຽງຈາກໄພພິບັດເຂົ້າໃນຍຸດທະສາດແຫ່ງຊາດ): ແຜນງານ LANGOCA (ຫັດສະນະຂອງຜູ້ໃຫ້ທຶນຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອ, ຫັດສະນະຂອງຊຸມຊົນ) ແບບວິທີປະຕິບັດທີ່ດີໃນການຫຼຸດຜ່ອນຄວາມສ່ຽງຈາກໄພພິບັດ ກໍລະນີສຶກສາອື່ນໆ: ຂະແໜງການສຶກສາ <p>ພາກສິນທະນາ, ແລະ ຖາມ-ຕອບ</p>	<p>ຫ້ອງການຄຸ້ມຄອງໄພພິບັດແຫ່ງຊາດ & ກົມກ່ຽວຂ້ອງ</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) OCHA 2) ຄະນະ DIPECHO SEA / EC 3) AusAid/ ຄູ່ຮ່ວມງານ LANGOCA 4) MRC/ADPC/NDMO & ແລະຄະນະກຳມາທິການແມ່ນ້ຳຂອງແຫ່ງຊາດ 5) ກະຊວງສຶກສາ/ADPC

12:00 – 13:30	ພັກທຸ່ງ	
<p>ວາລະທີ 2: ປຶກສາຄົ້ນຄວ້າຍຸດທະສາດສຳລັບແຜນປະຕິບັດງານ DIPECHO ຄັ້ງທີ 6 ສຳລັບພາກພື້ນອາຊີຕາເວັນອອກສຽງໃຕ້ ແລະ ປຶກສາຄົ້ນຄວ້າທ່າແຮງໃນການຫັນເອົາວຽກງານຫຼຸດຜ່ອນຄວາມສ່ຽງຈາກໄພພິບັດເຂົ້າເປັນວຽກງານຫຼັກໃນຂະແໜງການກ່ຽວຂ້ອງ</p>		
<p>13:45 – 16:30 (ລວມທັງເວລາພັກດື່ມຊາ/ກາເຟ)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ສະເໜີທິດທາງຂອງ DIPECHO ສຳລັບ 2008-2009 • ແບ່ງກຸ່ມຄົ້ນຄວ້າ (ກຸ່ມ 1: ຂະແໜງການ / ກິດຈະກຳ, ກຸ່ມ 2: ຫັນທາງເລືອກຕ່າງໆເຂົ້າເປັນວຽກງານຫຼັກໃນຂະແໜງການກ່ຽວຂ້ອງ (ຄວາມໝັ້ນຄົງດ້ານສະບຽງອາຫານ, ການພັດທະນາຊຸມນະບົດ, ການປົກປັກຮັກສາສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ, ການສຶກສາ ແລະ ອື່ນໆ), ກຸ່ມ 3: ການຄຸ້ມຄອງໄພນ້ຳຖ້ວມ & EWS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ຄວາມຕ້ອງການທີ່ເປັນບູລິມະສິດ / ລະບຸຊ່ອງຫວ່າງຍຸດທະສາດ - ໂຕແບບສຳລັບການດຳເນີນງານ - (ແຕ່ລະກຸ່ມ) ສັງລວມບັນຫາຕົ້ນຕໍທີ່ໄດ້ແກ້ໄຂແລ້ວ ແລະ ໃຫ້ຂໍສະເໜີແນະເພື່ອປັບປຸງວຽກງານຫຼຸດຜ່ອນຄວາມສ່ຽງຈາກໄພພິບັດທຳມະຊາດຢູ່ ສປປ ລາວ, ໃນນັ້ນລວມທັງການຫັນວຽກງານຫຼຸດຜ່ອນຄວາມສ່ຽງຈາກໄພພິບັດເຂົ້າເປັນວຽກງານຫຼັກໃນຂະແໜງການກ່ຽວຂ້ອງ • ສິນທະນາ, ສະຫຼຸບ 	<p>DIPECHO SEA</p> <p>ນຳພາການຄົ້ນຄວ້າ:</p> <p>ກຸ່ມ 1: DIPECHO</p> <p>ກຸ່ມ 2: EC</p> <p>ກຸ່ມ 3: MRC/ADPC</p>
16:30 - 17:00	ພາກສະຫຼຸບ ແລະ ສະເໜີມາດຕະການຕິດຕາມຊຸກຍູ້ກ່ຽວກັບການກຳນົດແຜນງານຂອງ DIPECHO ແລະ ເປີດຮັບຟັງຂໍສະເໜີຕ່າງໆ	



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Overview

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- * Hazards and Disasters in Lao PDR
- * Government Policy on DRM
- * Good Practices on DRM
- * Lesson Learned
- * Conclusion

- Population of 5,6 (2005 est)
- Capital City – Vientiane
- Land area of 236,800 sq. km.
- Covered by forest 46%
- Mountainous 70 %

Two Seasons: (Dry and Rainy)

- * Dry: Mid October to Mid April with low humidity and temperature (Northeast Monsoon Effect).
- * Rainy: Mid May to Mid October with heavy rainfall and high humidity (Southwest monsoon).
- * Annual rainfall ranges from 1,400 – 3,500 mm.

Hazards and Disaster in Lao PDR

Natural Disaster:

- Flood (river flood and flash flood)
- Drought
- Local Storm ,
- Hail
- Tropical Cyclone, Southwest Monsoon,
- Landslide
- Birth flu
- Earthquake
- Epidemic (human and animal Disease) Pest

Man-made

- UXO
- Fire
- Road Accidents

Flood 2005:

- Provinces affected 16
- Districts affected 84
- Villages affected 2510
- Families affected 85,530
- People affected 480,913
- Ha of rice damaged 55,955
- **5 people dead**
- Total estimated cost of flood damages around **18,314,000 US\$**

Map of planted areas damaged by flood 2005

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Government Policy on Disaster Risk Management

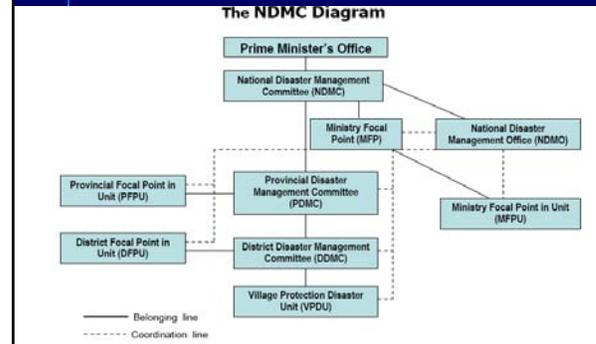
- The Govt. Decree No 158/PM dated 22 August 1999.
- The Roles of National Disaster Management Committee (NDMC) assignment No 097/MLSW dated 30 June 2000.
- National Strategy Plan on Disaster Risk Management No 1139/MLSW dated 18 April 2003. (2003 - 2020)

Disaster Management Institutions

- The NDMC consisting of representative from 12 key ministries and Lao Red Cross:

■ Minister of MLSW	Chairman
■ Vice-Minister of MAF	Vice-Chairman
■ Chief of Cabinet of MFA	Vice-Chairman
■ Chief of Cabinet of MOD	Member
■ Chief of Cabinet of MOI	Member
■ Chief of Cabinet of MOE	Member
■ Director of Budget Dept. MOF	Member
■ Director of Transport Dept. MCTPC	Member
■ Director of Industry Dept. MIH	Member
■ Director of Hygiene Dept. MOH	Member
■ Director of Mass Media Dept. MIC	Member
■ Director of Social Welfare Dept. MLSW	Member
■ Chairman of Lao Red Cross	Member

National Disaster Management Framework



Policy-Strategy Aims:

- 1.1 Safeguard sustainable development and **reduce** the **damage** of natural or manmade disasters to **community**, society and country economy.
- 1.2 Shift strategy from relief and mitigation after disaster impact to community, society and economy of government organizations to preparedness before disaster strike emphasizing on **flood, drought, landslide and fire** parallel with continuing mitigate in post disaster period.
- 1.3 Turn from responsibility of only government agency to people centered in dealing with disaster by **building capability for community**.
- 1.4 Promote **forever protection** of the **environment** and country **rich** such as: forest, land and water.

Partnership and Cooperation on DRM

Within the Country:

- UNDMT, IASC.
- UNDP, WFP, UNICEF, UN Avian Influenza Coordination, MRC
- Oxfam Aus, WVL, Care International, CWW, SCA,

Outside the Country:

- *ACDM (ARPDM, AADMER)*.
- UNOCHA, UNDAC, UNISDR, UNESCAP, ADPC, ADRC, JAXA,

DM Institutional Strengthening

- NDMC has met and discussed twice in annually (Before and after disaster), or call urgent meeting in case of emergency.
- NDMC and PDMC development.
- Up to now, 139 districts had established DM committee, and there are around 100 villages were set the VDPU at disaster prone districts.
- **3 provinces (Saravanh, Khammouane, Savannakhet) created the Provincial DM Plan.**

Capacity Building



Public Awareness and Education

- **Celebration of ASEAN Day on DM and International Day on DR 10 Oct.**
 - Meeting and Walking for health.
 - Advertising through media means: Radio, Newspaper, TV.
 - Pictures exhibition, questionnaires and fire fighting simulation exercise.
 - Banner sticking along the main road in Vientiane Capital.

CBDRM Project Champasack and Pakkading Districts

Flood Preparedness Project Nongbok, Khammouane province

- Publish Training Manual on Flood Preparedness in Lao language and distribute
- Conduct one Provincial Training Course on Planning and Implementation of Flood Preparedness Program for Khammouane PDMC
- Preparation of Flood Preparedness Program in Khammouane Province and Nong Bok district
- National and Regional Experience Sharing Workshops

Mainstreaming DRM into School Curriculum

- Implementing the project on Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction into Education Sector in Lao PDR, project cooperative with ADPC. The project theme is to:
 - Incorporate DRM modules into the school curriculum.
 - Construct all new schools located in hazard-prone areas to higher standards of hazard resilience.
 - Add features in schools in hazard prone areas for use as emergency shelters such as facilities for water, sanitation and cooking.

UNDAC - Mission

- 12 - 24 February 2007.
- 92 recommendations.
- 6 priorities:
 - Recommendation 71 - strengthening institutional capacity
 - Recommendation 73 - the establishment of an emergency operations centre
 - Recommendation 23 - an awareness campaign
 - Recommendation 19 - contingency planning and follow-up action plan
 - Recommendation 26 - development of standard operating procedures
 - Recommendation 28 - training activities
- UNDP BCPR and UNOCHA joint mission to Laos, 16-20 August 2007.
 - Come up with steps for Implementation of Priorities (actions and proposed timelines September 2007 to February 2008.)

Up Coming Projects (2007 - 2011)

- Under the LANGOCA PROGRAMS:
- Cooperation with SCA, ADPC, WVL and Oxfam Aus:
 - SIHMP - Sayaboury Integrated Hazard Management Program (Long Term)
 - TDRA - Tools for District Risk Assessment (Short Term)DREC
 - Disaster Risk Education for Children (Short Term)
 - CBDRR project (Long Term)
 - Remote Areas Disaster Risk Reduction Project (Long Term)

Lesson Learned

- The structure of disaster management system is created from central to local and village level .
- The implementing of DRM activities, we have paid more attention on building strong partnerships at internal and external particularly the disaster management network.
- Currently the community at the hazard prone areas is regularly received needed information on disaster risk reduction counter measures to cope with disasters but it requires more expanding to wider areas, particularly to remote areas.
- Still many provincial disaster management committee (PDMC) and its contact persons are not been well trained and unclear on their roles and responsibilities in disaster management, district committee on DM, and village disaster protecting units have not improved and created, especially, the provinces where disaster management project is not functioning.

Conclusion

- Disaster Risk Reduction is essential and priorities to the national development plans and programs.
- Current systems and initiatives on DRM need to be enhanced and strengthened.
- Building community disaster preparedness and response capacity are particularly important.
- Government and non-government alike work together with clear goals, roles and designated responsibilities.
- Partnerships and linkages with the international community should be pursued to ensure a rapid and substantive response in the event of a major disaster that overwhelms Lao PDR' capacity.
- Training is an important aspect of disaster preparedness; as such it should be carried out at every level in a coordinated, standardized and consolidated manner, utilizing the considerable experience and expertise readily available in-country.
- Strategies prioritizing the acquisition and upgrading of current equipment will need to be developed.



☺☺☺ Kobchai Thank You

UNDAC Asia/Pacific Induction Course
14-26 October
New Zealand

Follow-Up of UNDAC Preparedness Mission Lao PDR

Overview

- Joint mission by OCHA-UNDP

Mission Objectives:

- 1 Prioritization of UNDAC recommendations agreed with NDMO
- 2 Outline of an Action Plan for implementing the prioritized recommendations
- 3 Resource map for resource mobilization of DRR priorities
- 4 Summary of options for implementation for priorities

Breakdown of UNDAC Recommendations by Thematic Areas

Thematic Area	UNDAC Recommendation Nos.
Comprehensive National Disaster Management Plan (addressing Preparedness, Early Warning, Risk Reduction, Mitigation, Response, Recovery)	1,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,15,17,18, 25,28,30,33,36,37,39,40,41,44,45,47,49,51, 55,56,57,60,63,65,66,68,69,70,71,75,76,77, 78,79,80,85,86,88,89
National Contingency Plan	14,19,20,22,26,27,28,31,32,42,43,50,52,59,61,62
NDMO Annual Work Plan	2,34
Disaster Risk Reduction	6,24,38,64,81
Assessment Tools	7,16
Emergency Operations Center	73,87
Awareness Building	21,23,35,90
Training	46,48,53,54,57,58,67,72,74,80,82,83,84,91,92

Lao PDR, Follow-up
Implementation of UNDAC Recommendations

Resource Mapping

- Mapping:
potential sources of information, technical expertise and sources of possible funding support outlined against prioritized needs
- Recombination of priorities:
two priorities for urgent attention
- Preparations/pre-conditions to resource mobilization

Resource Mapping for Implementation of Priorities

Priority Needs	Potential Sources			
	Information	Expertise	Funding	Remarks
Preparation of National Disaster Management Plan (Recom.No.19.1)	UNDP, OCHA, WFP, IIRC and others	UNDP, OCHA	UN agencies and bi-lateral donors, INCDs	Please see prior preparations required (sec.3.2)
Preparation of National Contingency Plan (Recom. No. 19.2)	OCHA, IASC in-country team	OCHA	OCHA and others	Please see prior preparations required (sec.3.2)
Setting up National EOC	UNDP, OCHA, WFP	UNDP, OCHA, WFP and others	ECHO, USAID, ADB, WB	Please see prior preparations required (sec.3.2)

Next Steps – Implementation of Priorities

- Focus on National DM Plan and National Contingency Plan
- OCHA and UNDP take up specific responsibilities
- IASC Country Team to work closely with NDMO
- Timelines proposed

Briefings Donors and Regional Partners

- At Geneva
- At Bangkok
- At Vientiane


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National Consultative Meeting
LAO PDR



European Commission
 Humanitarian Aid department
 Cecile Pichon, Thearat Touch


Meeting's Orientations

- Multi-stakeholder strategic dialogue
- DRR advocacy
- Presentation and dissemination of lessons learned
- Discussions on DIPECHO's proposed orientations in Lao PDR for 2008-2009
- Identifications of priorities, gaps and actions, including working modalities
- (Information for applicants)






DIPECHO

- Natural Disaster Preparedness Programme of ECHO
- Through EU-NGOs, IOs/UN, Red Cross
- Hyogo Framework of Action context
- DIPECHO in 2007 = about €20 mln (7 for SEA)
- Focus on preparedness measures and demonstrative small-scale mitigation work, in particular through CBDRR
- Promotes regional & international DRR.
- Complements other ECHO actions (DP mainstreaming into humanitarian aid), links with other EC instruments and other donors.


Lessons Learned DIPECHO

- Formulate a DRR strategy for DIPECHO over several cycles
 - Looking at orientations & trends over 2 cycles
- DIPECHO as a component of larger development, environment or natural resource management programmes?
- Complement other stakeholders' programme where feasible
 - Part of today's dialogue; depends on implementing agencies; increased awareness and dialogue within EC but still more to do


Lessons Learned DIPECHO

- DIPECHO funding of DP and DRR was instrumental in **promoting the practice of DRR** in the region
- But: need to promote the **scaling up and replication** of pilot activities to achieve widespread and more significant impact at national and regional levels to ensure a return on the investment
- **Documentation and dissemination** of DRR lessons learnt by DIPECHO and its partners have not yet been adequate



Lessons Learned DIPECHO

- Short term nature of DIPECHO and gaps = challenge for implementation
- Limited some partners from linking DRR with longer term development activities
- However, in spite of follow-up phases, funding not always optimised (annual planning).
- Overly ambitious goals and project objectives involving too many activities.
- Weak impact monitoring (absence of baseline information + short-term funding).
 > Find compromises on both sides, adapt programming and projects, set clearer goals



Lessons Learned DIPECHO

- DIPECHO generated numerous replicable DRR strategies and **community based** projects, including methodologies, tools and processes that enabled communities to better prepare for and mitigate natural disasters.
- In all programme areas **awareness of DRR** has increased progressively, community DP plans were developed and response teams established (although quality varied).



Lessons Learned DIPECHO

- Leverage by implementing agencies insufficient to influence major stakeholders to include DRR in their policy, strategy, legislation and long term development plans.
- Improved linkages between pilot activities and **local government planning** processes is another promising avenue for scaling up.
- Develop a realistic set of **impact indicators** for various DRR interventions



- Focus more on **local actors**
- Continue to support DRR projects for primary school **children** and young people
- Continue to promote **gender** relations and equality
- Expand projects directed at the environment and **climate change**; use the issue of climate change adaptation as an advocacy tool to support the promotion of DRR.

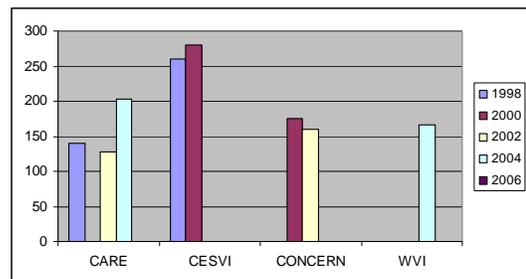


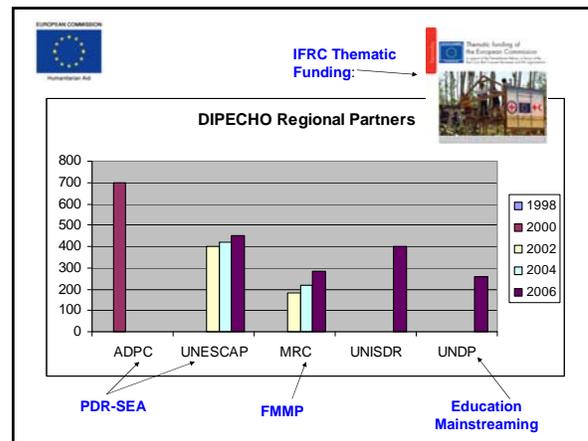
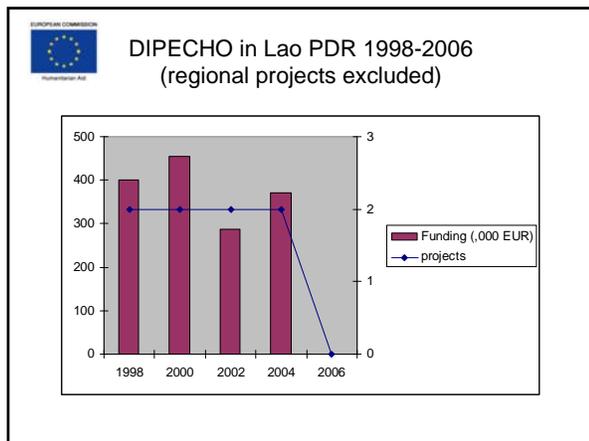
Lessons Learned DIPECHO in Lao PDR

- Partners: 4 NGOs, 2 International Organisations, 2 UN agencies
- Discontinuity of some projects / of the Programme
- Short term funding has been a clear obstacle (suspensions of activities, non achievement of some goals)



DIPECHO partners in Lao DPR (regional partners excluded)





Lessons Learned DIPECHO in Lao PDR

Impact +:

- Support to NDMO, DRR integration into partner's programmes; successful applications to other donors and EC instruments; development of tools; communities reinforced; local authorities strengthened

Impact -:

- Follow-up and continuity? Dissemination of results? Integration of recommendations into programming? Capacities? Lack of general impact assessment?
- Absence of clear strategy? Of policy reference framework?



Since 2005: EC & DRR

- In 2007-2013 strategic document: few references to DRR (less than previously) but impact of disasters recognised
- Increased awareness of EC staff members (training, more prominent issues, ECHO focal points)
- In EU/EC: more awareness, more importance. Soon a DRR Policy.
- At the moment, integration of DRR in rural development, food security, environment: by partners, in calls for proposals = a two-way process
- Quid with new assistance priorities? Quid other donors?
- Opportunities or deliberate strategies?

An example: CONCERN

Is developing a general DRR strategy for the Organisation In Lao PDR:

- Practical Guidelines for Integrating DRM into the Rural Development Projects of Concern, Lao PDR, 2004 (to be updated)
- Mainstreaming DRR with livelihood projects target villages; building government's institutional planning capacities (based on past DP experience)

DRR mainstreaming at community level:

- raise awareness with the Project Implementation Team (authorities and Concern staff) about how to conduct HCVA as part of a participatory village planning process.
- Raise awareness of the Project Implementation Team on how to mainstream DRR in each component of the project

= "looking at the usual issues in a slightly different way"

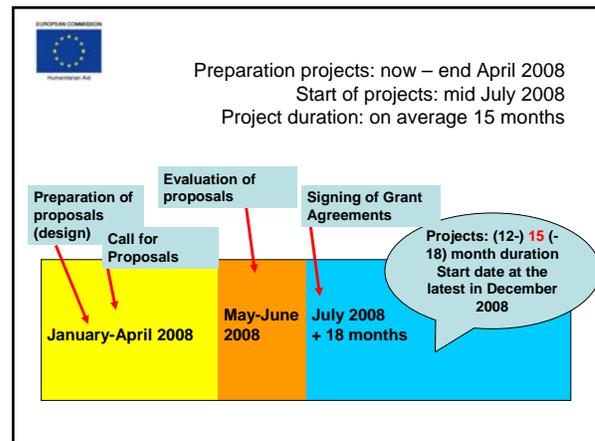


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Orientations 2008 - 2011

- Continue actions in Lao PDR
- Avoid gaps in programming
- Complement longer term programmes through ad hoc or focus actions
- Respond better to priorities and gaps
- Improve complementarities between national, sub-regional and regional actions
- Continue networking and information management

DIPECHO 2008-2009

- Determine workable modalities
- Work closely in preparatory phase with agencies interested to apply or to liaise with DIPECHO
- Look at possibilities through national, sub regional actions, regional actions and cross border actions
- Look at co-financing options
- Consolidate priority actions
= part of today's workshop goal



Priority Actions (general)

- **Local Disaster Management components:** EWS, mapping & data computerisation, local capacity building, training
- **Institutional linkages:** advocacy, facilitation of coordination, institutional strengthening
- **Information, education, communication:** public awareness raising
- **Small scale infrastructure and services**
- **Stock building of emergency and relief items**
 - For Lao PDR: look at focused, targeted actions which can fit in short term framework (in phases) and/or support other ongoing programmes; or ad hoc / common needs; joint actions

Priority Hazards and Areas

- Natural hazards: justify severity, recurrence, trends, impact
- Areas: justify vulnerabilities, selection criteria
- Justify complementarities of DP actions into a development framework
- Look at dissemination of experience, upscaling and integration into longer term mechanisms
 - Interest less in "where/which hazard", than in "how it will be done and promoted further"



Information for applicants

- Reports from Consultative Meetings (on ADPC website in December 2007)
- Information sessions: in other countries; in Lao PDR (tbc)
- Through DIPECHO mailing list
- Cecile Pichon (ta02@echo-bangkok.org) and Thearat Touch (program01@echo-bangkok.org)
- On ECHO website (call for proposals, new FPA)
: http://ec.europa.eu/echo/index_en.htm
- Call for Proposals: early March 2008



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The Australian Aid Program

The Lao Australia NGO Cooperation Agreements Program

DIPECHO National Consultative Meeting
Lao PDR
12th November, 2007, Vientiane

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Australian Aid Context

- Doubling of aid budget (to A\$4 billion) by 2010
- Aid White Paper (April 2006)
- Mechanism to deliver Aid through NGOs – Cooperation Agreements



Laos Context

- Government of Laos NGPES
- PM Decree's No. 168 (ODA) & No. 71 (NGOs)
- Umbrella Agreement between Government of Laos & Government of Australia on Development Assistance
- Australian Aid budget of A\$27.2M to Laos in FY 2007-08
- Lao-Australia Development Cooperation Strategy



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- 3rd Country Strategy Objective; to reduce the vulnerability of the poor; 3.1: *to reduce the impact of disasters*, and 3.2: *to reduce the impact of UXO*.
- Memorandum of Subsidiary Arrangement between Government of Laos & Government of Australia
- 5 years from 1 July 2007
- A\$14m program (now A\$14.6)
- Working with 4 NGOs with 5 agreements: CARE, World Vision (2), Oxfam Australia & Save the Children



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- Disasters in Laos – thought of as floods and drought.
- But 'everyday disasters' affect Laos: i.e. slow-onset, ongoing and compounded impediments to livelihood and community coping mechanisms (crop pests; animal disease; human disease; lack of access to safe water and sanitation, UXO and the weakening of community coping mechanisms due to rapid socio-economic change, relocation and environmental degradation).



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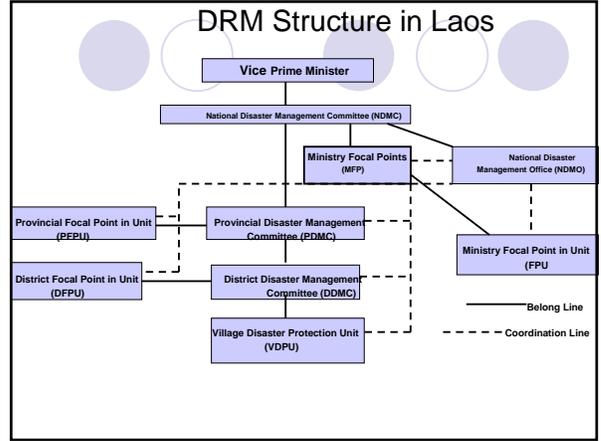
- The program approach is to;
 - Build community resilience to disasters
 - Reduce vulnerability to UXO
 - Build government capacity
- The program includes;
 - Both long (5 years) and short (1 year) term activities
 - An ongoing learning process through dialogue with stakeholders
 - Retained funds for future activities
 - Activities which integrate DRR into development planning processes
 - Activities to reduce the impact of UXO



The integration of disaster risk reduction into the Education sector: Experience of Lao PDR

Dr. keovivone OUTHACHAK
RIES,

Some views of the problem



Curriculum development

General curriculum process:

- Present curricula developed and implemented since 1994.
- Textbooks and teachers' guides available.
- Education reform in process: The new curricula with textbooks and teacher's guides will be implemented in grade one of LSD in school year 2009-2010.



Curriculum development (cont.)

DRR in Education:

- DRR was integrated into grade 3-5 in 2002-2003 in "World Around Us" subject of primary school
 - The project was implemented in 3 provinces- Vientiane, Champasak and Bolikhamxay
- Mainstreaming DRR into Education sector is being implemented by NRIES in 2007-2008 with help of ADPC and UNDP. Financial support of DIPECHO.

Curriculum development (cont.)

The topics covered at Lower secondary level are:

- Hazards and disasters
- Landslides
- Earthquakes
- Floods
- Drought
- Fire
- Pollution
- Road accidents
- Civil unrest

Contents for each hazard

● Lesson contents:

- What is the disaster?
- How many types of disasters?
- What causes disasters?
- How to protect from and reduce the effects of disasters?

● Methods:

- Lecture
- Group work
- Discussion

Curriculum development (cont.)

DRR Curriculum development process:

● Step1. Prepare module

- Review curriculum
- Decide content and structure of textbook and teachers guide
- Writing of textbook and teachers guide
- Manuscript reading workshop
- Printing of documents

Curriculum development (cont.)

● Step2: Implementation at local level

- Training of teachers

● Step 3: Follow up

- Pretest – questionnaire to students
- Monitoring of teaching
- Post test – Quiz, poster making, story writing, etc. competition during School safety week



Curriculum development (cont.)

Objective of teacher training:

- To provide information on DRR to teachers and trainers
- To improve teaching and learning on integrated DRR for LS teachers
- To help teachers and students have understanding of disaster preparedness and risk reduction.

Training workshop



Schools for testing of DRR module

The project working group selected the following schools:

- Hasengdee school Khammouan province
- Nongbook school Khammouan province
- Pheerawag secondary school Vientiane municipality

Teaching is on going in these schools

Lessons learned

- Teachers need skills development in teaching techniques and in technical knowledge about DRR
- Instruction on the DRR module must be part of new teachers induction training course
- All existing teachers must be taught how to integrate DRR in teaching materials

Lessons learned (cont.)

- There is desire amongst teachers and students to learn about DRR
- There is support for integration from all administrative levels and schools
- Continuous training required for teachers.
- Need for more teaching and learning materials – especially extra-curricular activities



Opportunities and lessons learned

- Curriculum reform
- Skills of curriculum developers enhanced
- Students' learn new skills and topic
- Teachers welcome opportunity for further training
- Pedagogical Advisors develop new skills
- Long term relationship between NDMO, RIES, ADPC, UNDP and DIPECHO



Future Plans

- Support for development of extra-curricular activities – games, project activities, etc.
- Support for development of in service teacher training and new teacher induction training in DRR
- Expand project to higher secondary
- Expand project to University and technical institutes – Engineering and Architecture courses to ensure safe construction

Thank you from the children of Lao PDR



Capacity Building for Planning and Implementation of Flood Preparedness Programs at Provincial, District and Commune Levels in the Lower Mekong Basin

Lesson Learned from MRC Member Countries

2003 – 2008
under DIPECHO 3rd (2003-2004), 4th (2005-2006) and 5th (2007-2008)
Action Plan for Southeast Asia

FMMP Component 4: Flood Emergency Management Strengthening

DIPECHO National Consultative Meeting
Vientiane, Lao PDR on 12 November 2007

Supported by:  Implemented by:   National Partners in Lao PDR:  

Project Introduction

Principal objective
Disaster Preparedness Systems in the three Riparian Countries more effectively dealing with floods in the Lower Mekong Basin.

Specific Objective
Enhanced Capacities for Preparation and Implementation of Flood Preparedness Programs at the province, district and commune levels in the three selected provinces of the Lower Mekong Basin

Partners

1. Disaster Management Committee at various levels
2. National Mekong Committees and its Line Agencies
3. National Red Cross Societies and its Local Chapters
4. DIPECHO NGO Partners



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Linkage with MRC's Flood Management and Mitigation Program

Development objective
To Prevent, Minimize or Mitigate people's suffering and economic losses due to floods, while preserving the environmental benefits of floods.

Key Objective
Balanced approach to Flood Management and Mitigation (FMMP) and reinforce the region's commitment to "Living with Floods"

Components of FMMP

1. Establishment of a Regional Flood Centre
2. Structural Measures and Flood Proofing
3. Mediation of Tran boundary Flood Issues
4. Flood Emergency Management Strengthening
5. Land Management



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Achievements of Phase I (2003-2004)

(Lao PDR, Cambodia & Vietnam)

1. Assessment of Flood Preparedness Planning Capacities and use of Flood Information Products at Provincial and District levels in Cambodia and Vietnam.
2. Development of a Training Course Curriculum on "Implementation of Flood Preparedness Programs at Provincial and District Levels"
3. Two National Training Courses conducted on "Implementation of Flood Preparedness Programs" in Cambodia (Kratie, Kampong Cham, Kandal and Prey Veng) and Vietnam (Long An and Dong Thap).
4. Two National Seminar organised in Thailand and Lao PDR on "Flood Preparedness Planning".



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Achievements of Phase II (2005-2006)

(Cambodia, Vietnam and Lao PDR)

1. FPP Training Course Curriculum on "Planning and Implementation of Flood Preparedness Programs" in the three riparian country languages (Khmer, Vietnamese and Lao)
2. Five Provincial Level Training Courses with participation of 168 key officials from PDMC and DDMC in Kratie and Kampong Cham Provinces of Cambodia, Can Tho and Tien Giang Provinces of Vietnam and Champasack, Khammoune, Saravanh and Savannakhet provinces of Lao PDR trained on development and implementation of FPPs.
3. Identification of Priority Action Areas for implementation of flood preparedness program in all target provinces of three countries.
4. Kratie District Flood Preparedness Program and priority action areas were developed and identified for implementation.



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Ongoing Phase III (2007-2008)

Support to Implementation of Flood Preparedness Programs (FPP) at Provincial, District and Commune Levels in The Lower Mekong Basin (Phase III)

Target Areas

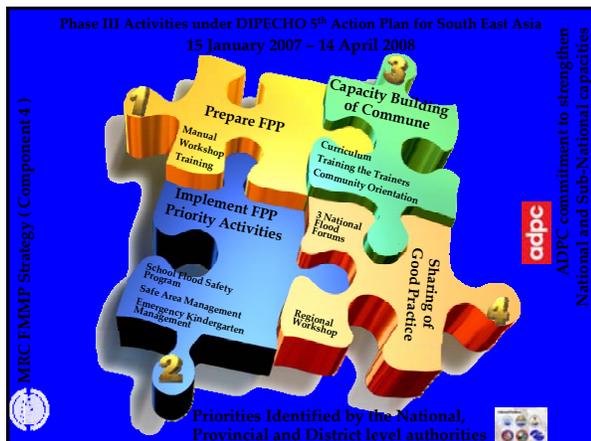
Cambodia: Kratie, Sambour, Prek Presab and Chhloung districts in Kratie Province

Vietnam: Cai Be, Cai Lay and Chau Thanh districts in Tien Giang Province

Lao PDR: Khammouane province and Ngok Bok district



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Project Progress in Lao PDR

1. The **Training Manual and Handbook** for FPP has been developed and adapted for Lao condition. This documents is being published in both English and Lao languages
2. A 4-day training course on **"Planning and Implementation of Flood Preparedness Program"** to 43 key staffs of Khammouane Provincial and Nong Bok district DM committees were conducted in Thakhek city
3. The annual **Flood Preparedness Program in Khammouane Province and Nong Bok District** have been developed and being finalized by the NDMO, PDMC and DDMC
4. Priority implementation activities of the Khammouane province and Nong Bok district FPPs have also been finalized and being supported to implement on the field
5. Facilitate Flood Preparedness and Emergency assistance cooperation between **Province to Province within Lao PDR and Trans Boundary (Lao PDR- Thailand)**

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Project Progress in Cambodia

1. The **Annual Flood Preparedness Program** of Kratie province and its four districts (Kratie, Sambour, Chullueng and Prek Prasab) developed and linked to the local development planning process
2. **Safe Area Improvement** as part of priority activity of FPP initiated
3. **School Flood Safety Program** initiated for all flood vulnerability schools (total 276 Primary, Secondary and High Schools) of the four districts
4. Capacity Building activities linked to the Commune Development Planning (CDP) for the **Commune Committee for Disaster Management (CCDM)** level official initiated
5. **Training of Trainers (ToT)** for the Provincial and District Facilitations (PFT/ DFT) conducted
6. The flood priority activity identified in the FPP are being **integrated in Commune Development Planning (CDP)**

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Project Progress in Vietnam

1. **School Flood Safety Program** has been initiated in 175 Primary and Secondary Schools of the three selected districts (Cai Be, Cai Lay and Chau Thanh) in Tien Giang province
2. The improvement of **Emergency Kindergarten Management (EKM)** (Improvement of facilities and infrastructure support; and provision of EKM trainings to all Child Care Takers) has been carried out in Cai Be and Cai Lay districts.
3. **Tien Giang Provincial Partnership on Child Safety due to Flood and Storm** under the DoET facilitated with DIPECHO NGO partners
4. Common IEC Material **"School Flood Safety Information Kit"** with partnership with PCFSC, DoET and DIPECHO Partners (SCA) as well as with Oxfam being finalised for production
5. Capacity building on **"Flood Preparedness for the Commune DM Committees"** initiated. Training of Trainers (ToT) conducted recently

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Lessons Learned So Far

- The project goals are matched the needs of countries in terms of Flood Management and Mitigation
- Project Activities implementation momentum maintained through committed support, cooperation and participation of the NMCs, NDMOs, local authorities and DIPECHO Partner NGOs
- Well integration between project activities and existing Strategies/Plans on Disaster Risk Reduction in line with commitment to Hyogo Framework of Action (HFA)
- Well linkage/integration of the project goals and the MRC's Flood Management and Mitigation Strategy;

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Lessons Learned So Far

- Joint Flood Preparedness Planning has improved the **information sharing, understanding and cooperation (both horizontally and vertically)** between the line departments at the provincial, district and commune levels
- The lead role of DM Committees at National, Provincial and District in the planning process helps them **realize their capacity is not limited only to response**;
- Planning and follow-up implementation enables the line departments to **recognize their extended roles in Disaster Risk Management and the possibility of mobilizing internal resources**;
- The **involvement DM officials** at all levels is significant as it helps to ensure the sustainability of the process;
- The **sharing and exchanging knowledge and experiences** in "Flood Management and Mitigation" within the Mekong River Region are helping people strengthens their own capacity;

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Recommendations and Remaining Activities

- Linking the FPP process at different levels;
- Integrating the FPP into the local development planning process, particularly in the Commune Development Planning process;
- Sustaining the momentum of the FPP implementation, especially following the years with no serious floods;
- Secure allocation of resources for Flood Preparedness;
- The expansion of the planning process to other provinces, districts and communes;
- The inclusion of gender issues into the FPP process.

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Momentum for Future Activities

- The long-term Strategy/Plan on Disaster Risk Management and Reduction is available in each member countries;
- Capacity of the Disaster Management Committees at various levels in the countries have been enhanced;
- Number of useful documents on the Flood Preparedness Programs/Plans is produced and widely published as a template in the countries for reduplication in other flood-vulnerable areas;
- Framework of FMMP, particularly the Component 4 is extended until end of 2010.

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Possible Actions for Future Programming in Lao PDR

1. **Upscale preparation and implementation of FPP** in other provinces and District at flood risk (Savannakhet, Saravanh)
2. **Provincial and District level Partnership** in Disaster Risk Reduction initiatives with National DRM Strategy to achieve HFA implementation by 2015
3. **Facilitating Province to Province and Trans Boundary** Flood Preparedness and Emergency Assistance
4. **Linking Provincial FPP with the Provincial Development Strategy** (i.e. Khammouane Development Strategy under GPAR-LSP program)
5. **Knowledge Sharing and Coordination** with DIPECHO partners , Other NGOs and Lao Red Cross

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Capacity Building for Planning and Implementation of Flood Preparedness Programs at Provincial, District and Commune Levels in the Lower Mekong Basin

Lesson Learned from MRC Member Countries

2003 – 2008
under DIPECHO 3rd (2003-2004), 4th (2005-2006) and 5th (2007-2008)
Action Plan for Southeast Asia

FMMP Component 4: Flood Emergency Management Strengthening

DIPECHO National Consultative Meeting
Vientiane, Lao PDR on 12 November 2007

Supported by:  Implemented by:   National Partners in Lao PDR:    

Project Introduction

Principal objective
Disaster Preparedness Systems in the three Riparian Countries more effectively dealing with floods in the Lower Mekong Basin.

Specific Objective
Enhanced Capacities for Preparation and Implementation of Flood Preparedness Programs at the province, district and commune levels in the three selected provinces of the Lower Mekong Basin

Partners

1. Disaster Management Committee at various levels
2. National Mekong Committees and its Line Agencies
3. National Red Cross Societies and its Local Chapters
4. DIPECHO NGO Partners
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Linkage with MRC's Flood Management and Mitigation Program

Development objective
To Prevent, Minimize or Mitigate people's suffering and economic losses due to floods, while preserving the environmental benefits of floods.

Key Objective
Balanced approach to Flood Management and Mitigation (FMMP) and reinforce the region's commitment to "Living with Floods"

Components of FMMP

1. Establishment of a Regional Flood Centre
2. Structural Measures and Flood Proofing
3. Mediation of Tran boundary Flood Issues
4. Flood Emergency Management Strengthening
5. Land Management



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Achievements of Phase I (2003-2004)

(Lao PDR, Cambodia & Vietnam)

1. Assessment of Flood Preparedness Planning Capacities and use of Flood Information Products at Provincial and District levels in Cambodia and Vietnam.
2. Development of a Training Course Curriculum on "Implementation of Flood Preparedness Programs at Provincial and District Levels"
3. Two National Training Courses conducted on "Implementation of Flood Preparedness Programs" in Cambodia (Kratie, Kampong Cham, Kandal and Prey Veng) and Vietnam (Long An and Dong Thap).
4. Two National Seminar organised in Cambodia and Vietnam on "Flood Preparedness Planning".



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Achievements of Phase II (2005-2006)

(Cambodia, Vietnam and Lao PDR)

1. FPP Training Course Curriculum on "Planning and Implementation of Flood Preparedness Programs" in the three riparian country languages (Khmer, Vietnamese and Lao)
2. Five Provincial Level Training Courses with participation of 168 key officials from PDMC and DDMC in Kratie and Kampong Cham Provinces of Cambodia, Can Tho and Tien Giang Provinces of Vietnam and Champasack, Khammoune, Saravanh and Savannakhet provinces of Lao PDR trained on development and implementation of FPPs.
3. Identification of Priority Action Areas for implementation of flood preparedness program in all target provinces of three countries.
4. Kratie District Flood Preparedness Program and priority areas were developed and identified for implementation.



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Ongoing Phase III (2007-2008)

Support to Implementation of Flood Preparedness Programs (FPP) at Provincial, District and Commune Levels in The Lower Mekong Basin (Phase III)

Target Areas

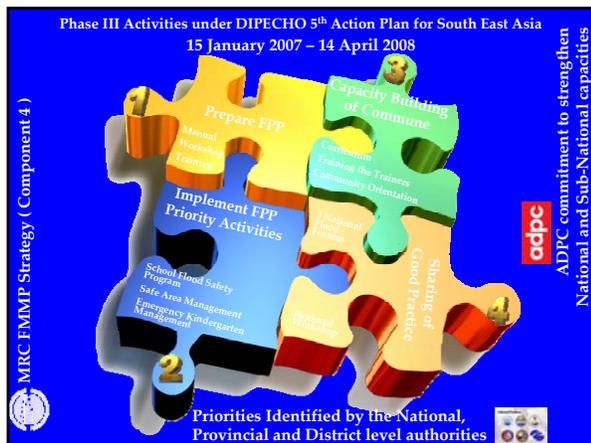
Cambodia: Kratie, Sambour, Prek Presab and Chhloung districts in Kratie Province

Vietnam: Cai Be, Cai Lay and Chau Thanh districts in Tien Giang Province

Lao PDR: Khammouane province and Ngok Bok district



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Project Progress in Lao PDR

The Training Manual and Handbook for FPP has been developed and adapted for Lao condition. This documents is being published in both English and Lao languages

- A 4-day training course on "Planning and Implementation of Flood Preparedness Program" to 43 key staffs of Khammouane Provincial and Nong Bok district DM committees were conducted in Thakhek city
- The annual Flood Preparedness Program in Khammouane Province and Nong Bok District have been developed and being finalized by the NDMO, PDMC and DDMC
- Priority implementation activities of the Khammouane province and Nong Bok district FPPs have also been finalized and being supported to implement on the field
- Facilitate Flood Preparedness and Emergency assistance cooperation between Province to Province within Lao PDR and Trans Boundary (Lao PDR- Thailand)

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Project Progress in Cambodia

The Annual Flood Preparedness Program of Kratie province and its four districts (Kratie, Sambour, Chullong and Prek Prasab) developed and linked to the local development planning process

- Safe Area Improvement as part of priority activity of FPP initiated
- School Flood Safety Program initiated for all flood vulnerability schools (total 276 Primary, Secondary and High Schools) of the four districts
- Capacity Building activities linked to the Commune Development Planning (CDP) for the Commune Committee for Disaster Management (CCDM) level official initiated
- Training of Trainers (ToT) for the Provincial and District Facilitators (PFT/ DFT) conducted
- The flood priority activity identified in the FPP are being integrated in Commune Development Planning (CDP)

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Project Progress in Vietnam

- School Flood Safety Program has been initiated in 175 Primary and Secondary Schools of the three selected districts (Cai Be, Cai Lay and Chau Thanh) in Tien Giang province
- The improvement of Emergency Kindergarten Management (EKM) (Improvement of facilities and infrastructure support; and provision of EKM trainings to all Child Care Takers) has been carried out in Cai Be and Cai Lay districts.
- Tien Giang Provincial Partnership on Child Safety due to Flood and Storm under the DoET facilitated with DIPECHO NGO partners
- Common IEC Material "School Flood Safety Information Kit" with partnership with PCFSC, DoET and DIPECHO Partners (SCA) as well as with Oxfam being finalised for production
- Capacity building on "Flood Preparedness for the Commune DM Committees" initiated. Training of Trainers (ToT) conducted recently

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Lessons Learned So Far

The project goals are matched the needs of countries in terms of Flood Management and Mitigation

- Project Activities implementation momentum maintained through committed support, cooperation and participation of the NMCs, NDMOs, local authorities and DIPECHO Partner NGOs
- Well integration between project activities and existing Strategies/Plans on Disaster Risk Reduction in line with commitment to Hyogo Framework of Action (HFA)
- Well linkage/integration of the project goals and the MRC's Flood Management and Mitigation Strategy;

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Lessons Learned So Far

Joint Flood Preparedness Planning has improved the information sharing, understanding and cooperation (both horizontally and vertically) between the line departments at the provincial, district and commune levels

- The lead role of DM Committees at National, Provincial and District in the planning process helps them realize their capacity is not limited only to response;
- Planning and follow-up implementation enables the line departments to recognize their extended roles in Disaster Risk Management and the possibility of mobilizing internal resources;
- The involvement DM officials at all levels is significant as it helps to ensure the sustainability of the process;
- The sharing and exchanging knowledge and experiences in "Flood Management and Mitigation" within the Mekong River Region are helping people strengthens their own capacity;

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Recommendations and Remaining Activities

- Linking the FPP process at different levels;
- Integrating the FPP into the local development planning process, particularly in the Commune Development Planning process;
- Sustaining the momentum of the FPP implementation, especially following the years with no serious floods;
- Secure allocation of resources for Flood Preparedness;
- The expansion of the planning process to other provinces, districts and communes;
- The inclusion of gender issues into the FPP process.

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Momentum for Future Activities

- The long-term Strategy/Plan on Disaster Risk Management and Reduction is available in each member countries;
- Capacity of the Disaster Management Committees at various levels in the countries have been enhanced;
- Number of useful documents on the Flood Preparedness Programs/Plans is produced and widely published as a template in the countries for reduplication in other flood-vulnerable areas;
- Framework of FMMP, particularly the Component 4 is extended until end of 2010.

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Possible Actions for Future Program in Lao PDR

1. Upscale preparation and implementation of FPP in other provinces and District at flood risk (Savannakhet, Saravanh)
2. Provincial and District level Partnership in Disaster Risk Reduction initiatives with National DRM Strategy to achieve HFA implementation by 2015
3. Facilitating Province to Province and Trans Boundary Flood Preparedness and Emergency Assistance
4. Linking Provincial FPP with the Provincial Development Strategy (i.e. Khammouane Development Strategy under GPAR-LSP program)
5. Knowledge Sharing and Coordination with DIPECHO partners , Other NGOs and Lao Red Cross

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